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In response to the written restriction requirement dated October 3, 2002, the Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I claims, i.e. claims 1-9, 14-25 and 28.

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